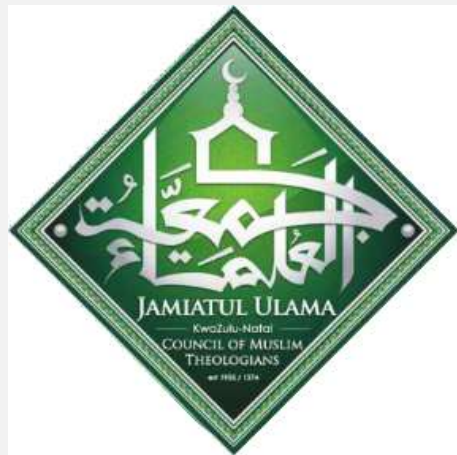


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Aspects to be discussed

- 1) Importance of Hilaal in Islaam
- 2) Lunar Orbit, Phases and Calculations
- 3) How to manage a Hilaal Committee
- 4) Calculation of Salaah Times
- 5) The Perpetual Timetable

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TOPICS COVERED:

1. Lunar Orbit, Phases, Calculation
2. How to manage a Hilaal Committee
3. Calculation of Salaah Times
4. The Perpetual Calendar

PROGRAM:

6.30 - 7.00	Tea and Registration
7.00 - 7.30	First Session
7.30 - 8.00	Maghrib
8.00 - 9.00	Second Session
9.00 - 9.15	Esha
9.15	Supper



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PART 1

- HISTORY OF THE JAMIAT, HILAAL COMMITTEE
 - IMPORTANCE OF THE HILAAL IN ISLAAM
 - ACTIVITIES OF THE HILAAL COMMITTEE
 - CRITERIA FOR HILAAL SIGHTINGS
 - MANAGING A HILAAL COMMITTEE
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OBJECTIVES OF THIS PRESENTATION

1. History of the Jamiatul Ulama KwaZulu Natal
2. Importance of the Hilaal in Shariah
3. Create an awareness & share practical experiences
4. Train Ulama Kiraam & Musallees to manage Hilaal committees
5. Establish a structured Reporting system
6. Recording Sightings / Non Sightings for future Reference

INTRODUCTION TO JAMIAT KZN

The Jamiatul Ulama KZN was established on the 15 January 1955 (20 Jumaad ul Ula 1374) at the East Street Madrasah, in Pietermaritzburg.

The Ulama of Natal met and discussed the urgent need for the preservation, protection and propagation of true and pristine Islam which became the primary objective for which the Jamiat was established. The Jamiatul Ulama KZN thus became the official Ulama body of KZN administering the religious, educational and general needs of the Muslims.

INTRODUCTION TO JAMIAT KZN

The Head office of the Jamiat is currently situated at 223 Alpine Road, Overport and the Welfare office is in Victoria Street, Durban CBD. The Jamiat has been serving the community of KwaZulu-Natal for the past 61 years.

JAMIAT KZN DEPARTMENTS

- Executive
- Shurah
- Maktab (Ta'leemi Board)
- Fatwa
- Astronomy (Hilaal, Salaah Times, Qiblah Finding)
- Welfare
- Finance
- Muslim Prison Board
- Publications
- Website/Social Media

HISTORY OF THE HILAAL COMMITTEE

Al-Hamdu Lillah, the Hilaal committee was established at the inception of the Jamiat. Ulama such as Maulana AH Omarjee, Maulana A. Khatieb, Maulana Loot, Maulana Y. Patel as well as other individuals used to meet at the West Street Musjid on the 29 of every Islamic month before Magrib Salaah. Maulana AR Ansari was the Ameer.

HISTORY OF THE HILAAL COMMITTEE

The Jamiat would liaise with Mufti Sanjalvi Sahib (RA) of the Waterval Islamic Institute (Mia's Farm) and the Jamiatul Ulama Transvaal in Johannesburg.

Telephone calls were made and received from outlying cities and towns by the Ulama and branch offices. The Jamiat would send and receive faxes from the Ulama regarding the sighting or non-sighting of the moon.

HISTORY OF THE HILAAL COMMITTEE

In Cape Town, communication would take place with the Muslim Judicial Council; especially Shaykh A. Najaar, Shaykh Hendricks and Shaykh Nazim as well as the Crescent Observers Society (Maankykers) which was established in 1940 at Azawia Musjid. Imaam Y. Panday is the current Ameer.

In Port Elizabeth, Maulana A.S. Desai of Majlisul Ulama, would be contacted. Hazrat Maulana Qasim Sema (RA) used to be stationed at Newcastle and Maulana Ismail Abdur Razack (RA) at Ladysmith.

THE PRESENT DAY HILAAL COMMITTEE

Many Hilaal Committees have been established across Natal. Ulama and Musallees from various Masaajid throughout KZN search for the Hilaal every month and report their results to the Central Hilaal Committee.

Maulana Shabbeer A. Asmal is the current Ameer.

Shaikh Irshaad Amod, Maulana D. Vawda and Maulana Muhammad Hansa are also active in this committee.

THE PRESENT DAY HILAAL COMMITTEE

Monthly sighting calculations are prepared by Brother Yusuf Essack who has recorded proof of past sightings & astronomical simulations.

Brother Rashid Motala handles the sighting information, SMS notifications and sighting confirmation. Once sighting of the crescent is confirmed, the calendar for the new month is released.

He also prepares perpetual Salaah timetables and Ramadaan Salaah timetables for the Jamiat.

UNITED ULAMA COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA

The major Ulama bodies of South Africa united to form UUUSA in 1994 to represent the Muslim Community of South Africa. The new democracy demanded a unified forum. It comprises of eight affiliates.

AFFILIATE MEMBERS OF UUCSA

- Jamiatul Ulama South Africa – Established 1923
- Muslim Judicial Council of South Africa – Established 1945
- Jamiatul Ulama KwaZulu Natal – Established 1955
- Sunni Jamiatul Ulama of South Africa – Established 1978
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- Eastern Cape Islamic Congress – Established 1996
- Council of Ulama Eastern Cape – Established 1999
- Northern Cape Ulama Council – Established 2005
- Darul Ihsan Humanitarian Centre - Established 2000

UUCSA'S ROLE IN HILAAL

Each affiliate organization conducts its own sighting, then jointly confirms and announces the sighting or non-sighting of the Hilaal(Crescent).

The final decision rests with the current Ameer of UUCSA's National Hilaal Committee, Maulana Ebrahim Bham Sahib (Secretary General Jamiatul Ulama SA)

MENTIONS OF THE MOON IN THE QURAAN

The word “*Qamar*” appears 26 times in the Quraan Majeed:

- فَلَمَّا رَأَى الْقَمَرَ بَازِغًا قَالَ هَذَا رَبِّي ﴿٧٧ الأنعام﴾
- لَا الشَّمْسُ يَنْبَغِي لَهَا أَنْ تُدْرِكَ الْقَمَرَ وَلَا اللَّيْلُ سَابِقُ النَّهَارِ ﴿٤٠ يس﴾
- اقْتَرَبَتِ السَّاعَةُ وَانْشَقَّ الْقَمَرُ ﴿١ القمر﴾
- وَجَعَلَ الْقَمَرَ فِيهِنَّ نُورًا وَجَعَلَ الشَّمْسُ سِرَاجًا ﴿١٦ نوح﴾
- وَخَسَفَ الْقَمَرُ ﴿٨ القيامة﴾
- فَالِقُ الْإِصْبَاحِ وَجَعَلَ اللَّيْلَ سَكَنًا وَالشَّمْسُ وَالْقَمَرُ حُسْبَانًا ﴿٩٦ الأنعام﴾

MENTIONS OF THE MOON IN THE QURAAN

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ ۚ
فَمَن شَهِدَ مِّنْكُمْ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ ۖ

The month of Ramadaan [is that month] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. So whoever sights (the new Moon of) the month, let him fast it.

يَسْأَلُونَكَ عَنِ الْأَهْلِةِ ۖ قُلْ هِيَ مَوَاقِيتُ لِلنَّاسِ وَالْحَجِّ ۚ

They ask you, (O Muhammad), about the new Moons (Crescent). Say, "They are measurements of time for the people and for Hajj."

REFERENCE TO THE MOON IN THE AHAADITH

صُومُوا لِرُؤْيَيْهِ وَأَفْطِرُوا لِرُؤْيَيْهِ، فَإِنْ غُبِّيَ عَلَيْكُمْ فَأَكْمِلُوا عِدَّةَ شَعْبَانَ ثَلَاثِينَ

صحيح البخاري

“Fast at its sighting and terminate (the fast) at its sighting. And, if it is overcast, then complete the number (of days of Sha’baan) thirty.”



Moonsighting Notice

For Durban

Observe the western horizon after Maghrib in search of the Hilaal (crescent) for Jumad-al-Aakhirah 1441

DATE	SUNSET	MOON BIRTH
Sat, 25 Jan 2020	18:58	Fri, 24 Jan @ 23:42
MOON AZIMUTH	MOON ALTITUDE	MOON AGE
252°	7°	19 Hr 16 Min
MOONSET	MOONSET LAG	BEST TIME
19:37	39 Min	19:15

This moon may be tricky to sight. Observe the sky carefully.

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CRITERIA FOR A VALID SIGHTING

The Start of the new month will not be declared merely by the calculations of an astronomer.

It will not be declared for himself nor for others because Rasulullah (Sallallahu Alayhi Wa Sallam) has based Saum, Eid ul Fitr, Eid ul Adha, Ashura, Hajj, etc. on **Ru'yatul Hilaal**, not on its (the Hilaal's) existence.”

(Bulghatus Saaliki Li Aqrabil Masaalik ila Mazahibil Imaam Maalik)

CRITERIA FOR A VALID SIGHTING

The matter is not about the existence
of the new moon, it is about
sighting and witnessing it

THE SHAAHID (WITNESS)

The first three conditions for the testimony of the Hilaal are the same as those for all other matters, i.e. the witness must be **Muslim, Sane, Mature** and **Sighted** (able to see). The testimony of a non-Muslim is not accepted in the sighting of the Hilaal. The testimony of a mad person is not accepted in anything. The testimony of an immature child is also not reliable. The testimony of a blind person is not accepted.

THE SHAAHID (WITNESS)

The most important condition of Shahaadah, which is necessary in every type is that the witness should be Just/Upright This is proven from a text of the Qur'aan.

The word 'Adl is a technical term defined as, *"The Muslim who stays away from major sins and does not persist in minor sins, and his good deeds are more than his evil deeds and what he does correct is more than what he does incorrect."*

(Hidaayah, Aalamgiri).

THE SHAAHID (WITNESS)

Contrary to this, the one who does major sins or is habituated to minor sins and his evil deeds are more than his good deeds, is called a Faasiq (Transgressor) in the Shari'ah.

The summary of this condition is that the witness or person giving testimony should be Aadil (Just/Upright) not a Faasiq (Transgressor).

THE NISAAB OF TESTIMONY

If the horizon is clear, i.e. there are no clouds/dust/smoke/haze that prevent sighting of the Hilaal then for all months besides Ramadaan, the testimony of two males, or one male and two females will suffice. This is on condition that they possess the aforementioned qualities and they testify to seeing the Hilaal (Crescent).

VERIFICATION OF HILAAL SIGHTINGS

Critical Questions:

1. **Where** did you sight the Hilaal?
2. What was the **exact time** of the first sight?
3. What was the **orientation** of the Hilaal? In which direction were the crescent tips pointing?
4. Did the Hilaal appear to the **left or** the **right** of the point where the Sun set?

REPORTING INFORMATION

At every sighting, an approved Hilaal Shahaadah form must be filled and signed by the witnesses.

If a reliable person can be recognised over the phone, radio or WhatsApp; his report of testimony can be accepted.

Hilaal Shahaadah Form

Sighting team	New Islaamic month	Islaamic year (for new month)
Greg. date of sighting	City	Suburb
Place/Address	Sunset time	The moon was sighted
		Yes No

Moon was seen			
Exact time of sighting			
Position of moon (left/right of where sun set)	Left	Right	

Tick the orientation of the moon (if seen)

<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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Moon was not seen			
Came Late	Cloudy	Poor Visibility	Early Moonset

By signing hereunder, I testify to the above.

People testifying					
1	Name	Signature	8	Name	Signature
2			9		
3			10		
4			11		
5			12		
6			13		
7			14		

Responsible person		
Name	Sign	Cell

Please report your sighting decision to Mr Shabbeer Aamal – 072 786 3545 or Br Rashid Motala – 083 661 5687
Please WhatsApp a picture of this form to the above as soon as possible.



Due to NO confirmed reports of moon-sighting in the country, the United Ulama Council of South Africa has determined that, in South Africa, 1st Jumaad al Ulaa 1441 AH will be on Sat, 28 Dec 2019.

جَمَاعَةُ اُولَمَاءِ
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DUA ON SIGHTING THE NEW MOON

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِهْلَهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْاَمْنِ وَالْاِيْمَانِ، وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْاِسْلَامِ، وَالتَّوْفِيقِ لِمَا
تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضٰى، رَبُّنَا وَرَبُّكَ اللهُ

O Allah let this Crescent(Moon) appear to us with Peace and Imaan (Faith), with Safety and Islam, and with the ability to perform Deeds that You love and are pleasing to You. Our Rabb and your Rabb (O Moon) is Allah.

(Ibn Hibbaan)

JUMAD AL AAKHIRAH 1441



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Jan 27	2 Jan 28	3 Jan 29	4 Jan 30	5 Jan 31	6 Feb 1
7 Feb 2	8 Feb 3	9 Feb 4	10 Feb 5	11 Feb 6	12 Feb 7	13 Feb 8
14 Feb 9	15 Feb 10	16 Feb 11	17 Feb 12	18 Feb 13	19 Feb 14	20 Feb 15
21 Feb 16	22 Feb 17	23 Feb 18	24 Feb 19	25 Feb 20	26 Feb 21	27 Feb 22
28 Feb 23	29 Feb 24	30 Feb 25				

Kindly dispose of this calendar in a respectful manner.

Zakaat Nisaab
R 5546

Minimum Mahr
R 272

Mahr Fatimi
R 13 616

(As at 23 January 2020. Kindly contact our offices for latest Zakaat Nisaab.)

The Hilaal for **Rajab 1441** will be sought on **Monday, 24 February 2020.**

The Hilaal will be **25 hours 3 minutes** at Sunset.

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